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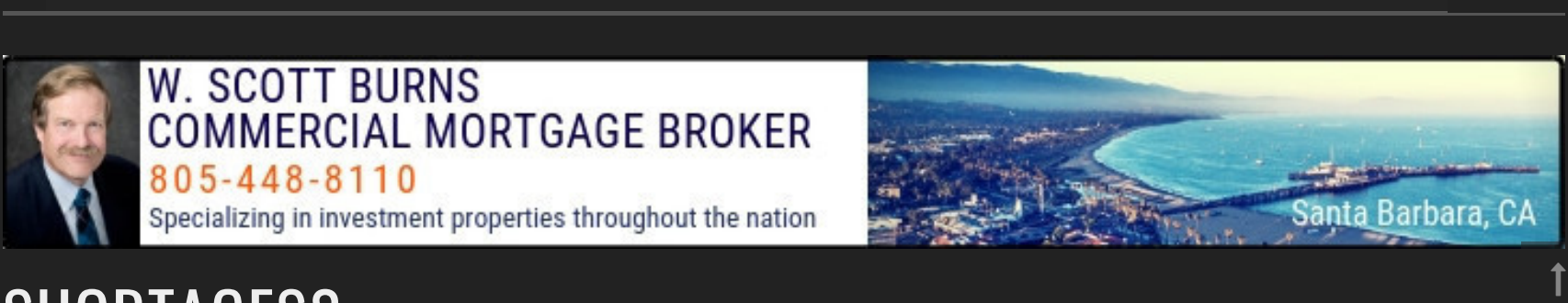
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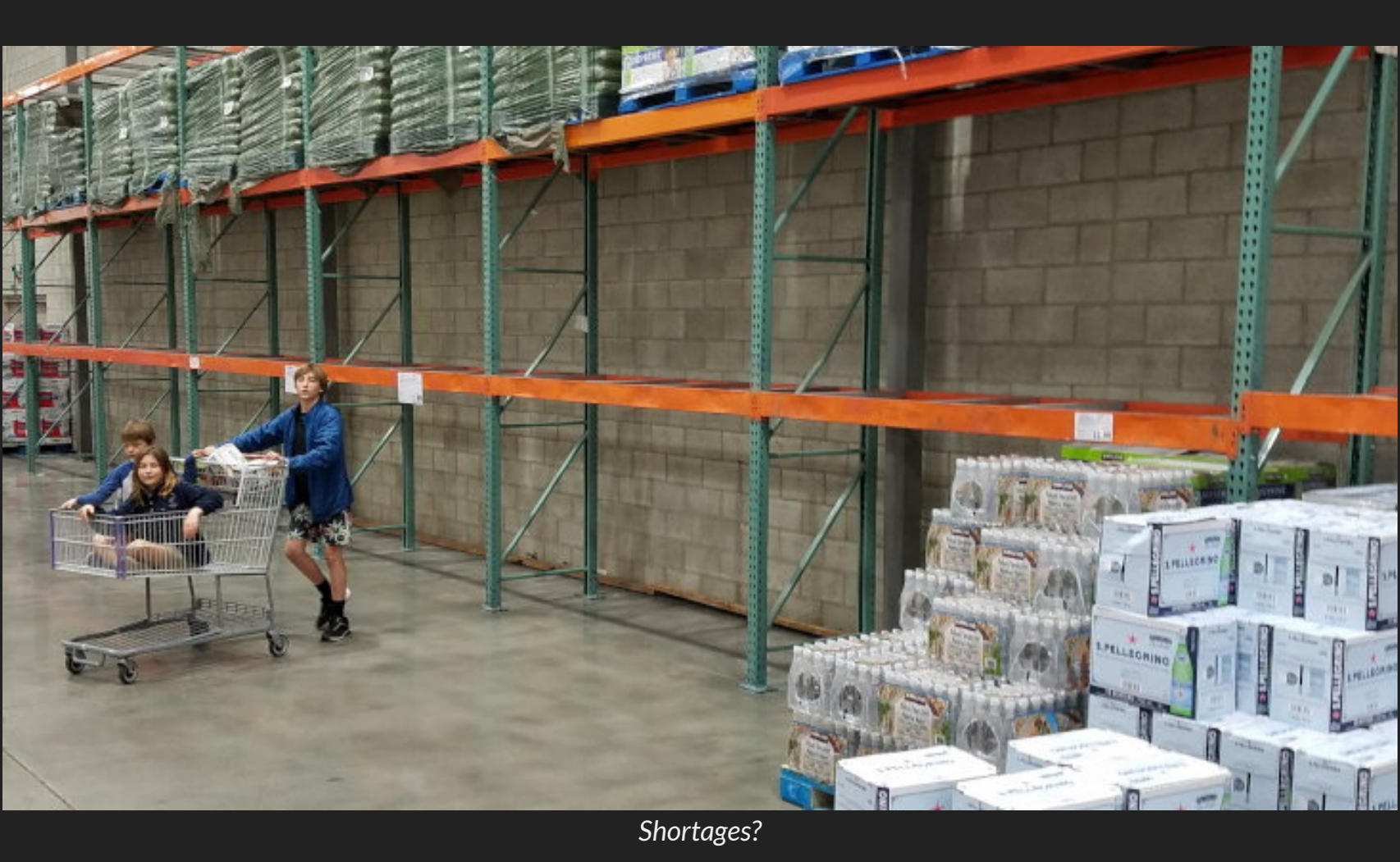

Shortages?

JOHN WILEY / MAR 04 2020 12:12 PM / BYJOHN WILEY / 37 COMMENTS / READS 4988

By John Wiley

We needed Kleenex so Tuesday 4:30pm at Costco I headed for that section, only to find it empty of products as this cart was leaving without any.

Instead it was full of kids perhaps having a good time in the open area, or maybe having been sent to fill it with virus supplies. There was no Kleenex or toilet paper of any kind, two dwindling flats of paper towels, half a flat of bottled water, and a little over one flat of the more expensive sparkling water. What have you seen at other stores.

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Z MAR 05, 2020 07:50 AM

Ifn yer out of TP, try the News Press or weekly advertising flyers. Tear them into strips and drape them over the empty roller.

PSTARSR MAR 05, 2020 07:48 AM

one day we will look back at this and say " yeah, but did you have toilet paper......"

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 06:52 PM

My father is totally in his element - he's been hoarding canned food, water, and paper products to the extreme in his attic for years. I love you dad.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 06:12 PM

Guess I'm ok. Ever since switching to an electronic washlet, i have not had to buy much toilet paper. Will drink water from the tap. Helps the planet too.

CHILLINGRILLIN MAR 04, 2020 05:14 PM

I had the Tecate virus last weekend and had to self-quarantine on a hammock. Remember to stock up on canned food, ammunition, medical supplies, and bottle caps to barter with in the dystopian hellscape.

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 04, 2020 05:28 PM

Now that you're inoculated for the Tecate virus, you can self inoculate for all of the other tasty beverage viruses, one weekend at time. Remember to self-inoculate next year as the recipe can mutate. And don't forget to stock up on plenty of chips, dips, tri tips and other emergency rations.

BIRD MAR 04, 2020 04:54 PM

I stopped in CostCo this afternoon and, curious, I asked an employee and he said that they were out of TP and sanitizer tissues, etc. He said there would be more in tomorrow morning but to come early because it's crowded when the store opens with people knowing that's when the stock is available. He offered that he figured it would slow down soon....

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 04:07 PM

Check the amazon website and search for hand sanitizer. Prices have absolutely skyrocketed.

GENERALTREE MAR 04, 2020 03:55 PM

If the stores run out of cold beer then I will get worried.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 03:53 PM

It's time to worry when there are shortages of coffee.

EMINENCE THREAT MAR 04, 2020 03:48 PM

The "New Normal" is filled with shortages, distrust, fear and hoarding.

BOSCO MAR 04, 2020 03:42 PM

Apparently the biggest shortage is in common sense and intelligence. Are people seriously stocking up on bottled water? You may not be able to fly to that work conference you were planning, but the local and national infrastructure is not going to collapse. Water will continue to flow, goods will continue to be produced. I fear for humanity with this level of stupidity.

OCEANDREW MAR 05, 2020 07:32 AM

MSM and politicians who live off of fear mongering must be elated. Get people to stop thinking for themselves or being rational and they follow the herd. Psych 101/PoliSci 310.

LOCALMATT MAR 04, 2020 02:31 PM

People are scared.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 12:59 PM

I am seeing noticeable gray matter shortages.

CATWRANGLER MAR 04, 2020 12:57 PM

Pharmacies have been out of stuff for awhile. But don't hate those of us who bought a box of masks 2 years ago after the many wildfires. I'll be flying soon and because I have asthma and a cough will be wearing my mask.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 04:36 PM

CATWRANGLER dont' feel guilty. We aren't addressing ppl who bought stuff years ago for fires. But if you did wipe out a whole shelf of masks during the fires so that others had none, then that is something to ponder within yourself.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 12:45 PM

All these ppl hoarding supplies - they could care less about anyone else like seniors, ppl on fixed incomes, etc. A testament to the selfish nature of humans.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 04:37 PM

You DO realize that, if you get sick and can't leave your house, they do have online delivery of TP if you seriously completely run out. Yes? Target, Home Depot even. We aren't looking at a devastating earthquake here that will crumble infrastructure.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 04:32 PM

Prepared for what? Running out of TP b/c you're sick? Who needs to hoard TP for this, do you do the same during flu season? Maybe if YOU went outside and got off the computer/internet you'd realize you'll be fine and no need to stockpile and cause others to not be able to get necessary supplies b/c you've taken them all for yourself.

DW2000 MAR 04, 2020 04:03 PM

@CATWRANGLER - 10+ years ago during one of the other outbreaks (swine? avian? H1N1... cant remember) you could not buy N95 masks anywhere, in person or online. After the panic settled down I decided to get some to have on hand should the need for them ever arise. 10+ years later I still have them!

ZEROHAWK MAR 04, 2020 01:59 PM

@961 wow so you're going to berate someone simply for thinking a head and taking care of theirselves and their loved ones? that's hoarding? i call it being prepared. Maybe if you stopped whining about stuff on the computer, turned it off, went outside and drove to a supply store, you too could be prepared. but no. you would rather get online and make others feel bad for being prepared. awesome

ZEROHAWK MAR 04, 2020 01:57 PM

@961 how are they selfish? because they thought of and acted before you did? seems to me, that just makes them prepared...

CATWRANGLER MAR 04, 2020 01:44 PM

I didn't hoard. I just bought a box of 20 a couple years ago since I have asthma and we have wildfires. Does that make me a bad person?

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 01:37 PM

No, it is selfish to stockpile when others need supplies too. Even if you run out of TP you'll have water, use a sock if you need to - your washer will work. Hoarding this stuff is completely 100% selfish - to take all for yourself and leave nothing for others who are in the same situation.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 01:15 PM

Not selfish, cautious. This started last week.

SBMH2015 MAR 04, 2020 12:36 PM

You can make your own hand sanitizer. Aloe and alcohol. Lots of recipes online. Wash hands too. I was at itty bitty target on upper state and they had tp, etc. Part of shortage is shipments of supplies. It will get better.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 02:18 PM

Don't turn hand sanitizer into a shamanic totem and its prices will come down. That is how capitalism works. Willing buyer meets willing seller. Hand-washing busts their shortage monopoly.

BOBBYK MAR 04, 2020 01:46 PM

It's a shipping problem more than a buying one.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 12:32 PM

Amazon is charging over $80 for bottles of Purell - and most are sold out even there. I think people are going way overboard.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 04:33 PM

TAGDES do you know how tiny a 2 oz bottle is? TINY, and normally they are about $1.00. The $90 ones are the 1 liters which are normally nowhere near that price. That is a large percent increase in price. Taking advantage of the hoarders no doubt.

PRISM MAR 04, 2020 03:49 PM

Check again, they're not kidding https://www.amazon.com/s?k=purell+hand+sanitizer&crid=3FK4S711QUJ03&sprefix=purrel%2Caps%2C226&ref=nb_sb_

TAGDES MAR 04, 2020 02:21 PM

I just checked and it's $9.99 for 2 oz. botlles.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 02:20 PM

Makes you appreciate why in the past people wore gloves, men and women, and daintily took them off when sitting down to eat. Or sticking their fingers in their own noses.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 12:21 PM

Yup. Start ordering online. Stock up on TP people. Water - you have a tap if necessary - but things like TP and the like, you need to be ready. You can make your own hand sanitizer. It's in LA now, first death here in CA just reported, a man who had traveled on that cruise ship that's heading back to SF. I don't think it had stopped here b/t Feb 11 and now, did it?

TAGDES MAR 04, 2020 02:02 PM

No, it didn't stop here. It was on a Hawaiian cruise and called back to SF skipping Ensenada. It's scheduld to stop here on the 24 th of this month.

A-1583423631 MAR 04, 2020 12:18 PM

Someone told me about Costco yesterday, and my husband went to Rite-Aid today to pick up a prescription today and they had a sign saying they were out of hand sanitizer and TP.

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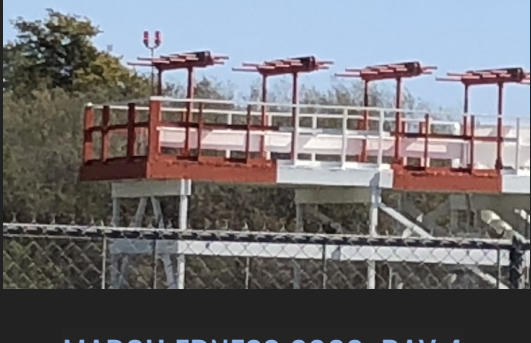

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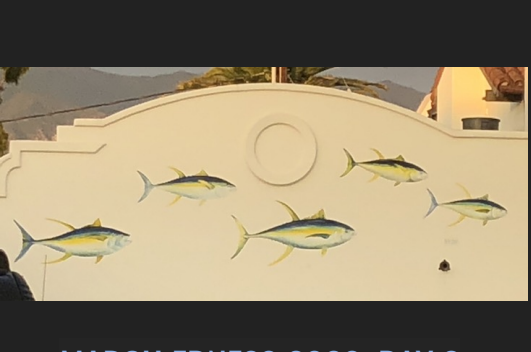

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